



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C64
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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above identified application. A final rejection was sent on September 30, 2004 in this case; hence a Petition for Extension of time for two months with necessary fees accompanies this amendment. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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